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Testimony Opposing Proposed Bill No. 130

AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT INFORMATION AND THE ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 130, An Act Concerning Patient Information and the All-Payer Claims Database.

This bill amends the general statutes to allow individuals receiving health care services to choose to opt-out of having data related to their specific services reported to the All-Payers Claims Database (APCD).

The development of the APCD was authorized by the General Assembly in 2012 for the purpose of collecting, assessing and reporting health care information from all payers of health care services, relating to safety, quality, cost-effectiveness, access and efficiency for all levels of health care. When fully implemented, the APCD will provide much sought after transparency in health care cost and quality that will allow a variety of entities, including consumers, state agencies, and employers, to make more informed health care decisions. The APCD is a key component in the health care reforms that Connecticut has put in place since Governor Malloy took office.

First and foremost, the APCD will provide a free web-based portal for consumers that will provide them with the health care cost and quality information that is not accessible

Connecticut developed a 100 page state specific agreement to address a wide range of security and privacy issues.

The APCD holds the promise of providing consumers with the information they need regarding cost and quality to make the all-important decisions regarding their care. At the same time, the APCD will provide data that both state government and other health care payers can use to help achieve efficiencies in the system that will allow for more quality health care to be delivered at a lower cost.

In summary, we strongly believe the APCD cannot achieve its goals and benefits if individuals are allowed to opt-out of having their health care information reported. I respectfully request that the committee take no action on this bill.